

NEWS AND VIEWS
KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON, CT
A KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION HONOR CLUB



SERVING GREATER NEW LONDON SINCE 1940

WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 12:15 PM
THE PRIVATE ROOM, CLARKE CENTER
MITCHELL COLLEGE
437 PEQUOT AVE., NEW LONDON, CT 06320

CLUB OFFICERS 2008-2009

PRESIDENT: Captain Chris Sinnett, USCG **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** John Russell
VICE-PRESIDENT: Robert Grills **TREASURER:** Richard Cheatham
SECRETARY: Martin T. Olsen Jr. **IMM. PAST-PRES:** Thomas Moriarty
DIRECTORS (1 YEAR): Andrea Bell Kaiser, Gordon Jackson, Jim Sylvester
DIRECTORS (2 YEARS): LCDR Andrew Ely, USCG, Sherry Lombardi, Ted Nelson, Glenn Hamler

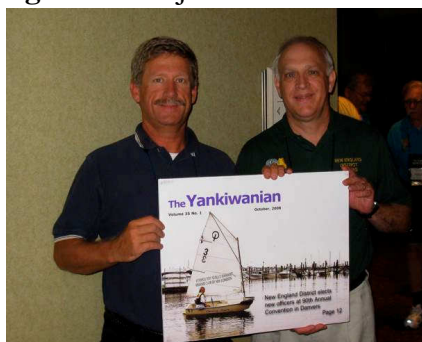
LEGION OF HONOR: John Kashanski (55), Frank Penny (40) and Gordon Jackson (38)
PAST LT. GOVERNORS: John Kashanski (1971-72), Frank Penny (1980-81), Gordon Jackson (1982-83), Martin T. Olsen Jr. (1996-97) and Valeda Grills (2004-06)
LIFE MEMBERS: Martin T. Olsen Jr., John Vincent and Frank Penny
HONORARY MEMBER: Helen McCartin
VICE PRESIDENT KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF NEW ENGLAND: Valeda Grills
PAST DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR & DIRECTOR KFNE: Martin T. Olsen Jr.
DISTRICT CHAIR- MARKETING & BRANDING: Martin T. Olsen Jr.
LT. GOVERNOR DIVISION 23: Robert Grills

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DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT
CLUB EARNS DISTINGUISHED FOR 2007-08
CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT TOM MORIARTY!

Seventy-nine clubs sent two hundred nineteen Kiwanians and forty-one guests, including six of our club members (see Interclubs) to the 91st New England District of Kiwanis Convention the weekend of August 13-16, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI. The Kiwanis Club of New London earned many awards and recognition. **Past Distinguished President Tom Moriarty** received our club's patches, pins, ribbons and awards: 2007-08 Distinguished Club; 2008-09 Early Bird and Kiwanis Family Interclub Awards; 2008-09 Public Relations and Governor's Public Relations Awards; 2008-09 Club Brochure Award; 2008-09 Bulletin Award; 2008-09 Young Children Priority One Award and Rich Cheatham was recognized for his photo that graced the cover of the October 2008 Yankiwanian. One hundred seventy-one delegates in the House of Delegates unanimously elected the following district officers in uncontested contests for 2009-2010: Governor: **Dave Koohy** (Newport, RI), Governor-elect: **Ron Sanville** (Hardwick, VT) and Treasurer: **Bill Jenkins** (Sandwich, MA). A hearty thanks to outgoing **Governor Dick England** for a job well done! Photos submitted by Rich Cheatham.

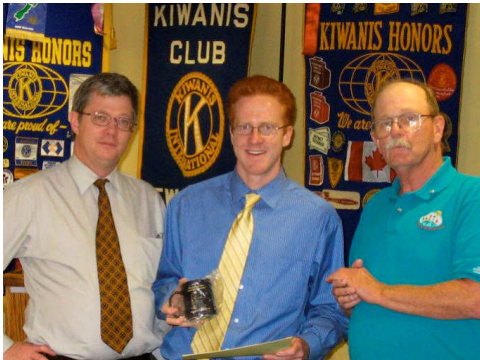


PAST PROGRAMS



Rob Simmons, former Congressman from the Second District and Republican candidate for the US Senate, addressed the club on August 19th. Simmons has spent most of his adult life in one form or another in public service: US Army and served in Vietnam for four years, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Connecticut General Assembly ten years, congress from 2001-07, and most recently as for two years as Business Advocate for the State of Connecticut. Needless to

say, Rob has a love of public service and giving back. He shared with us a card with a motto that he received when entering the army; "Public Service is a Public Trust." He tries to live by that creed. Rob, an independent thinker, is a strong proponent of free enterprise, yet also supports choice on the abortion issue. He answered a number of questions on a wide variety of topics. Photo of **Rob Simmons** submitted by **Rich Cheatham**.



Our annual Service-Person-of-the-Month program scheduled for August 26th has been postponed. Program Chair Robert Jones secured his friend **Brian Skelly** on short notice. Skelly, a real estate finance expert with Wells Fargo, took the opportunity to talk about his passion: home ownership. Noting how the media tends to hone in on the negative, Brian opened with some good news: approximately 30% of all US homes are free and clear and do not have a mortgage; 70%

of households that do have a mortgage, 96.7% are not in foreclosure and the US economy, measured by gross domestic product (GDP) is larger than the next three countries (Japan, China and German) combined. At this time home prices and interests rates are buyer friendly. Skelly also outlined the benefits of home ownership over renting. From left to right in the photo, submitted by **Rich Cheatham**: Robert Jones, Brian Skelly and Marty Olsen.

CLUB PICNIC AT DODD STADIUM SKYBOX

Friday, September 4th

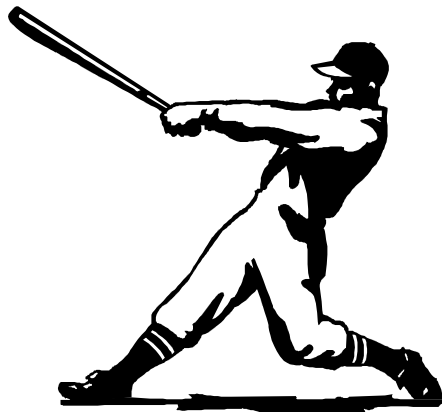
Gates Open at 5:35 PM with Gametime at 6:35 PM

Defenders host Reading Phillies

Fireworks to Follow the Game

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Wings and Soft Drinks

Adults: \$20, Children 12 and under: \$10



JOIN AND SUPPORT TEAM KIWANIS

StepOut Walk to Fight Diabetes

American Diabetes Association

Our Team Captain is Andrea Kaiser

Sunday, September 20, 2009

Harkness Memorial State Park

9:00 AM Check-in; 10:00 AM Start; 3 Mile Distance

Register Online at diabetes.org/stepout or call 1-888-diabetes

INTERCLUBS

21. August 13-16, 2009, New England Kiwanis District Convention, Warwick, RI: **Valeda Grills, Bob Grills, Rich Cheatham, John Russell, Tom Moriarty and Marty Olsen.**

GUESTS

The club had three guests to hear US Senate candidate Rob Simmons speak on August 19th: **Joyce Everett**, wife of Bill Everett, **Mary Ellen Leone**, a guest of Bob Grills and **Bill Russell** joined Robert Jones. All three guests have been with us before.

ODDS & ENDS

Board of Directors: Tuesday, September 8th, 4:30 PM, Waterford Public Library

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

VALEDA GRILLS: CHAIR

September 2: **Everett Munro** and Lynne **Horr**, Celts & Currachs Festival
September 9: **Penny Parsekian**, Executive Director, New London Main St.
September 16: **Ned Hammond**, Office of Development and Planning
September 23: **Susan Tamulevich**, Museum Director, New London Custom House
September 30: **Tim Grills**, Serving Meals on Wheels for TVCCA

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 15: **Sam Christy**
September 29: **Jack Russell** (Happy 88th)

DRAWINGS

August 19: **Frank Penny**
August 26: **Eric Christman**

FUTURE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Las Vegas, NV: June 24-27, 2010
Geneva, Switzerland: July 7-10, 2011
New Orleans, LA: June 27-July 1, 2012
Vancouver, British Columbia: June 26-30, 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Training Conference: Grand Summit, North Conway, NH, November 20-22, 2009
Mid Winter Training Conference: Crowne Plaza, Worcester, MA, March 5-7, 2010
Kiwanis International Convention: Las Vegas, NV, June 24-27, 2010

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW LONDON PROUDLY SPONSORS

Waterford High School Key Club
East Lyme High School Key Club
New London HS Key Club



Fitch High School Key Club
Lyme-Old Lyme HS Key Club
Montville High School Key Club

OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

- ❑ **To give primacy** to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life
- ❑ **To encourage** the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- ❑ **To promote** the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards
- ❑ **To develop**, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship
- ❑ **To provide** through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- ❑ **To cooperate** in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.